

# News From The Garden

## Spring Celebration

Join us for free carriage rides, music, entertainment, refreshments and more!

**Sunday, April 10 | 2 to 4 p.m.**  
**Hurley Park**

## SPRING 2022

## Dig In To Events at Hurley Park!

By: **Sarina Dellinger**

Greetings from Hurley Park! We are excited to announce that the beloved Spring Celebration will be returning on Sunday, April 10th from 2-4pm. We will have free carriage rides, music, entertainment acts, refreshments, and much more! It is sure to be a fun afternoon at Hurley Park, and we hope to see you there.

Other upcoming community events include our new monthly tours. There is always something new to see at Hurley Park every month and we are excited to highlight these plants! Tours will happen every second Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. through the end of the year. The park tour in April will highlight the spring beauties at the park and the May tour will focus on native plants. At the May tour we will also share some native plants and invite attendees to share seeds and divisions of native plants, too!

Additionally, we are working alongside our neighboring recreation center, City Park, to offer educational programs focused on nature. We are offering 1st Wednesday Garden Art through May. After that we will

continue to offer similar programs from August to December with varying topics.

Find out more information as they are announced by following Hurley Park on Facebook or visiting [www.salisburync.gov/play](http://www.salisburync.gov/play).

## Cutting Back On Invasive Species

By: **Karen Barbiero**

My name is Karen Barbiero and I am the Assistant Garden Manager at Hurley Park. I look forward to meeting all of our park guests. Spring is my favorite season, and the gardens at Hurley Park are sure to put on a show this year!

I would like to take this opportunity to talk about invasive plant species. Late winter into spring is a great time to identify and remove them from your landscape. An invasive plant is a plant that is both non-native and able to establish on many sites, grow quickly, and spread to the point of disrupting

plant communities or ecosystems. English Ivy, Privet, Japanese Honeysuckle, and Kudzu are a few invasive plants that you will find in North Carolina. We recommend cutting and pulling English Ivy (and other vines) off of the trees. Its weight and spread can create unbalanced branches that are more likely to break. Ivy can overtake the trees own foliage and block the sunlight that it needs to photosynthesize. Hand pulling these invasive species can be daunting but also rewarding! Fill your landscape with native plants and let future generations enjoy.

Hurley Park staff will be happy to answer your questions and provide more information. We hope to see you at our garden tours.

## Tips From the Garden:

According to the calendar the first day of spring is March 20th, however, for the Piedmont of North Carolina hold off on planting tender annuals and vegetables until after at least April 8th to avoid any last minute freezes.

After the first couple weeks in April you can safely welcome in spring by planting annuals and vegetable gardens without fear of losing plants to frost.





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